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$$V_1, V_2, z$$

$$V_1 = a + bz$$

$$V_2 = c + dz$$

$$a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{C}^4$$

Complexified  
space-time

$a, b, c, d$

gives a  $\mathbb{C}P^1$  in twistor space

Real Euclidean space-time:

$$a = \bar{d}$$

$$c = -\bar{b}$$

Proposition

There is a diffeo  
of real manifolds

$$\mathbb{R}^4 \times \mathbb{C}P^1 \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathbb{P}T$$

$$(a, b, z) \longmapsto (a+bz, \bar{b}+\bar{a}z, z)$$

Content:

Every  $(v_1, v_2, z)$  is on a unique twistor line for a point in Euclidean  $\mathbb{R}^4$

(Twistor line =  $\mathbb{CP}^1$  associated to  $(a, b, c, d) \in \mathbb{CP}^4$ )

Uniqueness: If  $(v_1, v_2, z)$  was on 2 Euclidean twistor lines, they would be null separated.

## Existence

Given  $v_1, v_2, z$   
Can we find  $a, b$  solving  
the eqns

$$v_1 = a + bz$$

$$\bar{v}_2 = a\bar{z} - b$$

This happens if

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & z \\ \bar{z} & -1 \end{pmatrix} \neq 0$$

$$\det(\ ) = -|z\bar{z}| < 0$$

If we fix  $z \in \mathbb{C}P^1$

then  $v_1, v_2$  are coords on  $\mathbb{C}P^1$

this map gives an isomorphism

$$\mathbb{R}^4 \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathbb{C}^2$$

by expressing  $v_1, v_2$  in terms  
of  $a, b$

Each  $z$  gives a complex structure on  $\mathbb{R}^4$

holomorphic functions are

$$V_1 = a + bz$$

$$V_2 = -\bar{b} + \bar{a}z$$

$z=0$   $(a, \bar{b})$  holomorphic

$z = \infty$

$b, \bar{a}$  are holomorphic

Complex structures on  $\mathbb{R}^4$

$$\cong \text{SO}(4)/\text{U}(2)$$

$$\cong S^2$$



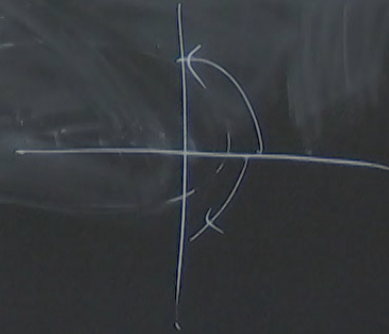
Twistor space

$$= \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^4, \text{ and a complex structure } \text{on } T_x \mathbb{R}^4 \right\}$$

Complex str. on  $V$ , a real v. space

is a map  $J \in \text{SO}(V)$

$$J^2 = -1$$



So the set of complex structures is

$$SO(4)/U(2)$$

Minkowski space in 2d:

Euclidean sig,

$$J(dx_1 + i dx_2) = i(dx_1 + i dx_2)$$

If we Wick rotate,  $x_2 \rightarrow it$ ,

$$dz, d\bar{z} \Rightarrow dx_+, dx_- \text{ null and real.}$$

# Penrose Transform

Dolbeault / Čech cohomology  
of twistor space

= solns of field eq<sup>n</sup>s on  $\mathbb{R}^4$

# Dolbeault Cohomology

If  $X$  is a complex manifold,

$$\Omega^{0,q}(X) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{tensors which} \\ \text{look locally like} \\ \sum f_{i_1 \dots i_q} dz_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dz_{i_q} \end{array} \right\}$$

$\Omega^{0,q}(X) \subseteq \Omega^q(X)$  space of  $q$ -forms  
(with  $\mathbb{C}$  coefficients)

where in a local patch, we only have  
 $d\bar{z}_i$

There's a map

$$\bar{\partial}: \Omega^{0,q}(X) \rightarrow \Omega^{0,q+1}(X)$$

given by

$$\bar{\partial}(\sum f_I d\bar{z}_I)$$

$$= \sum \frac{\partial f_I}{\partial \bar{z}_i} d\bar{z}_i \wedge d\bar{z}_I$$

Basically same as de  
Rham operator.

The composition

$$\Omega^{0,q}(X) \xrightarrow{\bar{\partial}} \Omega^{0,q+1}(X) \xrightarrow{\bar{\partial}} \Omega^{0,q+2}(X)$$

is zero.

The Dolbeault cohomology

$$H_{\bar{\partial}}^q(X) = \frac{\text{Ker } \bar{\partial} : \Omega^{0,q} \rightarrow \Omega^{0,q+1}}{\text{Im } \bar{\partial} : \Omega^{0,q-1} \rightarrow \Omega^{0,q}}$$

## Examples

On  $\mathbb{C}^n$ ,  $f \in H^0(\mathbb{C}^n)$

is a function  $f: \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$   
such that

$$\sum d\bar{z}_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{z}_i} = 0$$

This means  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{z}_i} = 0$ , so



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We can also make sense of

eg.  $\Omega^{0,2}(X, TX)$

are things locally like

$$f^I d\bar{z}_I \partial_{z_i}$$

or  $\Omega^{0,2}(X, T^*X)$

locally looks like

$$f^{\bar{I}, \bar{J}} d\bar{z}_{\bar{I}} d\bar{z}_{\bar{J}}$$

$$\bar{\partial}: \Omega^{0, q}(X, TX) \rightarrow \Omega^{0, q+1}(X, TX)$$

is defined as before

We can define

$$H_{\bar{\partial}}^q(X, TX)$$

exactly as before

# Theorem

1) On  $\mathbb{C}P^n$ ,  $H^q(X, \text{tensor bundle}) = 0$  for  $q > 0$

$H^0(X, \text{ " " }) = \text{holomorphic tensors}$

2) If  $X = U \cup V$ ,  $U, V$  are both copies of  $\mathbb{C}P^n$

$$\mathbb{C}P^1 = U \cup V$$

$$U = \{z \neq \infty\}$$

$$V = \{z \neq 0\}$$

$$H^1(\mathbb{C}P^1, T^*\mathbb{C}P^1)$$

$$U \cap V = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$$

Hol. tensors here are

$$z^n dz \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

This extends across 0  
if  $n \geq 0$

Extends across  $\infty$   
if  $n \leq -2$

$$H^1(\mathbb{C}P^1, T^*\mathbb{C}P^1) = \mathbb{C}$$

basis  $z^{-1} dz$

$H^0(X, \text{tensor bundle})$

$= \{ \text{Holomorphic tensors} \}$   
 $\text{on } UNV$

Those  
tensors  
which extend  
(without poles) to  
 $U$  or to  $V$